

BV

1050

.A3A2



LIBRARY OF CONGRESS.

Chap. BV1050
Shelf A3A2

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.





FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

ALBANY

✓
Young Men's Christian Association, *Albany*

PRESENTED MARCH 22, 1858,

WITH THE

BY-LAWS, LIST OF OFFICERS,

MEMBERS, ETC., ETC.

ROOMS No. 124 STATE STREET.



ALBANY:

PUBLISHED BY THE ASSOCIATION.

1858.

+

Committees of the Board of Directors

FOR 1858-9.

Finance,

JOHN F. RATHBONE, CHAIRMAN,
EDWARD ROBINSON,
J. J. DE FOREST.

Library and Periodicals,

H. S. MCCALL, CHAIRMAN,
WM. L. WOOLLETT, JR.,
HENRY N. WICKES.

Rooms and Fixtures,

JAMES H. MCCLURE, CHAIRMAN,
JAMES DUNCAN,
JOSEPH KENNEDY.

Publishing and Statistics,

JOHN GOLDWAITE, CHAIRMAN,
JOHN TEMPLETON,
E. W. QUACKENBOSS.

Literary Exercises,

MALCOM ROBERTS, CHAIRMAN,
ERNEST J. MILLER,
WALTER S. BROWER.

Committees of the Association

FOR 1858-9.

Committee on the Sick,

TRUMAN D. CAMERON, CHAIRMAN,

AUSTIN S. KIBBEE,

HENRY J. WELLS,

FREDERIC BISHOP,

JOSEPH WRIGHT,

AUSTIN H. WELLS,

JOHN H. HICKCOX.

Committee on Churches,

WILLIAM N. STRONG, CHAIRMAN,

THOMAS SCHUYLER,

LORENZO AMES,

TOWNSEND FONDA,

RODNEY VOSE,

LEVI DEDERICK,

CHARLES VAN ZANDT.

Committee on Employment,

ROBERT P. WILES, CHAIRMAN,

JESSE M. WHITE,

STEPHEN W. WHITNEY,

SAMUEL TEMPLETON,

HENRY H. VAN DYCK,

LEVI P. MERRIAM,

JAMES McELROY.

Committee on Boarding Houses,

WILLIAM W. BAILEY, CHAIRMAN,

FRANCIS W. HOLBROOK,

JOHN E. PAGE,

JOHN GOLDWAITE,

MATTHEW BELL,

STEPHEN H. MIX,

JOSEPH KENNEDY.

Regular Meetings of the Association.

Regular Monthly Meetings of the Association are held on the fourth Monday evening of each month.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading the Scriptures and Prayer.
 2. Reading the Journal of the last meeting.
 3. Election of Members.
 4. Proposition of Members.
 5. Literary Exercises.
 6. An interval of *ten minutes* to be devoted to mutual introductions, interchange of feelings and general conversation.
 7. Miscellaneous business, such as reports, extracts from interesting correspondence with similar associations by the Corresponding Secretary; general intelligence, tending to advance the interests of the society, and brief statements of the condition of its business affairs when called for.
 8. Religious Exercises.
-

STANDING RESOLUTION.—That at any Meeting of the Association, when the hour of *eleven* arrives, the Association shall stand adjourned till the time of the next Regular Meeting, and that the subject under discussion at the time of adjournment, shall be in order at the opening of the next meeting.

ROOMS OF THE ASSOCIATION open daily (Sundays excepted), from 8 A. M. to 10 P. M.

LIBRARY open for the delivery of Books each afternoon (Sundays excepted), from 4 to 5, and from 7½ to 9 P. M.

PRAYER MEETING at the Rooms of the Association every Saturday evening, at 8½ o'clock.

ANNUAL REPORT.

It is now but little over one year, since the subject of forming a Young Men's Christian Association, in Albany, began to be agitated. A few very warm friends of young men, who also understood well, the practical workings of associations of this kind, where they already existed, became very desirous that such an Association might here be formed; and as a result of their personal efforts, and in obedience to a call, signed by 147 young men, members of Evangelical churches, preliminary meetings were held, which resulted in the formation of this Association. The clergymen, of the various denominations, clearly signifying their approbation of the design and objects, of such associations.

In February, 1857, a committee of gentlemen were appointed, to draft and report to a subsequent meeting a Constitution, which, upon being reported, and carefully considered, was adopted, and the first election for officers was held in pursuance of a provision of that Constitution, "on the third Monday of March;" and on the fourth Monday evening of March, one year ago, the Association, thus organized, with a membership of 206, installed its first board of officers.

This Constitution, which is the chart and guide of the

Association, after declaring that an annual meeting shall be held, and fixing the time of holding the same, says—

“It shall be the duty of the President, to present at the Annual Meeting of the Association, a full report of the doings and progress of the Association during the preceding year.”

In obedience to this requirement, I shall now proceed to present before you, the First Annual Report of the ALBANY YOUNG MEN’S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

It becomes us then, first of all, to render thanks to that God, who hath given us life and breath, and all things, in whose service we are permitted to labor, for all the blessings vouchsafed unto us during the past year—the first of our history.

The objects to be attained, and the influences, for either good or evil, to be exerted by all associations of men, depend, of course, upon the principles and aims which govern their action. That there is a mighty power in every such association, and that the principle of united effort is the most potent in our day, both in the church and in the world, will not be denied. “In union there is strength,” “In the multitude of counsellors there is safety,” and by them also “purposes are established.”

The great principles and ends of all *Christian* organizations, from the Divinely appointed Church of God, to that “where two or three are gathered together in His name”—are already so well understood, and their paramount importance so universally acknowledged, that they need not here be adverted to.

The very title of our Association—A Young Men’s *Christian* Association—is suggestive of good to the community where it exists, even though its benefits were secured to those only who are members, duly initiated, representing as they do, every class of our church-going community.

Who can estimate the true value of an Association like this, founded as it is in Christian love, based upon

Christian truth, animated by Christian principle, actuated by Christian motive, guided and sustained by Christian sympathy, fellowship and experience—its labors rendered effectual by mutual faith, prayer, Christian intercourse, and encouragement. Glorious as are its purposes of good, in reference to its members, it is but a partial view of what it hopes to accomplish, for this Association has also an aggressive work to perform, as will be seen by referring to article 3d, section 1st, of the Constitution—which thus defines the duties of members—

The Members of the Association shall seek out young men taking up their residences in Albany and vicinity, and endeavor to bring them under moral and religious influences, by aiding them in the selection of suitable boarding places and employments, by introducing them to the Members and privileges of this Association, securing their attendance at some place of worship on the Sabbath, and by every means in their power surrounding them with Christian associates.

It will be seen, therefore, that while we seek the advantages of Christian intercourse ourselves, the language we hold to the stranger within our gates is, "Come thou with us, and we will do thee good." And is not this a work worthy to be accomplished? Who need be told of the thousand snares which beset the path of the young man, on his entering into a city like this, for the first time? With a heart by nature prone to evil, how almost certain is he to fall in with evil companions, and thus form associations, which shall indeed be powerful in influence, but powerful for evil only.

COMMITTEES.

The better to accomplish the ends contemplated by the Association, Article 6th, of the Constitution, provides for the appointment of the following Standing Committees, viz :

A Committee on the Sick ; a Committee on Churches ; a Committee on Employment ; and a Committee on Boarding Houses ; to consist of seven members each, one from each denomination represented in the Association, to be appointed annually by the Board of Directors.

The duties of the Committee on the Sick, shall be to visit and relieve the sick of the Association so far as is in their power.

The Committee on Churches shall introduce members to places of worship, pastors and Sabbath schools.

The Employment Committee shall aid members in securing places of employment.

The Boarding House Committee shall aid members in selecting boarding houses.

The above committees were formed the past year, but few applications were made to them, probably because their design was not fully understood.

ROOMS.

The Committee on Rooms and Library (to whom the Association are much indebted for their indefatigable labors) experienced no little difficulty in obtaining suitable rooms for the use of the Association. A lease of the premises now in possession, having yet four years to run, has been executed, at an annual rent of \$400, and the Association sub-let a portion of the same for \$100, while another portion is used as a residence for the Janitor, equivalent, by reduction of his salary, to \$100 or \$125 more, making the actual rent of the Association not to exceed \$200 per annum.

We regard this as the best suit of Rooms that could have been obtained, and (if we except Rooms of the Boston Association) the best in possession of any association with which we are acquainted.

For details in reference to furnishing the Rooms, the amount of funds raised for that purpose, and the pleasing donation of a set of rich Damask Window Curtains and Shades, from the Ladies—see report of Committee on Rooms and Library.

The Rooms of the Association are open daily (the Sabbath excepted), for the use of Members, and by a resolution passed by the Board of Directors, and forwarded to all the clergymen resident in the city, the free use of the Rooms were tendered them, for reading, &c., and also as a suitable place for their social and business meetings. Strangers visiting the city are also cordially invited to make our Rooms a place of resort during their stay.

It has been gratifying to notice an increasing number of both day and evening visitors, and also to know that the Members are more and more inclined to avail themselves of the privileges afforded them.

LIBRARY.

The Library contains 588 volumes, 396 of which have been donated—a record of donors, with the number of volumes donated by each, will accompany the committee's report.

There has been formed, as a distinct department, a REFERENCE LIBRARY, consisting of Bible Dictionaries, Text Books, Commentaries, and other expositories of Scripture, for the use of Sabbath School Teachers, Biblical Students, and others who wish to avail themselves of their use. This branch of the Library is for study and reference only; therefore books in this department, are not to be taken from the Rooms.

The past has been so much a year of effort to organize and get the Association in practical working condition, and also one of such severe financial embarrassment, that a very general effort has not been made to obtain funds by Life Memberships or subscription for the increase of the Library. Such an effort will doubtless be made hereafter, as shall secure to the Association a CIRCULATING LIBRARY of commanding importance.

The READING ROOM contains the principal religious newspapers of the day, which are kept on file, and our tables

are supplied with the leading Reviews and Publications of the various denominations of Christians, the Foreign Quarterlies, and other Periodicals and Pamphlets of valuable reading matter.

MEMBERSHIP.

Our Membership is of three kinds, viz : Active, Associate, and Life.

Active Members are those—of whatever age—who are members of Evangelical churches, in regular standing, who, upon being elected, pay \$2 annually.

Associate Members are those—who, though not members of any church—upon being elected, also pay \$2 annually.

Life Members are elected as other members, and pay \$25 in one payment.

On the *Active* Members devolves the duty of carrying out the objects of the Association.

And here I would suggest the propriety of so altering the Constitution as to admit another, a Complimentary Membership, to be entitled *Honorary*; that such title be bestowed (if by a unanimous vote of the Association, at a regular monthly meeting) upon such persons as, by a valuable donation to the Library, or other act, shall be entitled to a grateful recognition from the Association, Honorary, to enjoy like privileges of Associate Members.

The number of Members now upon the roll book is as follows: Active, 272; Associate, 95; Life, 20; in all, 387. Of the above, 206 were original Members—*i. e.*, members at the time the Association was organized; and 181 (including 15 Life Members) have been elected during the year.

FINANCES.

From the Treasurer's Report it will be seen that the Treasury is in a healthy condition, notwithstanding the large outlay necessary to furnish rooms, and other expenses incident to organization, and notwithstanding also the un-

precedented monetary crisis which existed during a large part of the year.

At the time of getting possession of our Rooms, the Finance Committee were requested to take immediate steps to raise funds, which it was foreseen would be needed in furnishing, &c., but they delayed making the effort, thinking *that* an unpropitious time—but later in the season proved more unpropitious still; affording the most convincing proof that “delays are dangerous.”

By a joint effort, however, of the Chairman of the Finance Committee, and the Chairman of a Special Committee on the part of the Association, the necessary funds have been raised; and the source from whence the money was obtained affords gratifying evidence that the Association has many warm friends.

The amount for furnishing, the advance bills for newspapers, periodicals, &c., and the current expenses for the year ending to-day, have all been paid, and the Association is now out of debt, with a balance of \$19.26 in the treasury.

MONTHLY MEETINGS.

The regular Monthly Meetings of the Association, have, with a single exception, been held on the fourth Monday evening of each month, and the Association is largely indebted to the efficient Chairman of the Literary Committee, for the valuable and interesting lectures which have been given. The wise policy of calling out the talent of the Association, by inviting only its members to provide the literary entertainment, has met with pleasing success. These meetings have been well attended, both by the members and the public, and are doubtless to prove a very attractive feature of the Association.

The Lectures already delivered have exhibited a high order of talent, and have won golden opinions for their authors.

They were delivered as follows:

- April 27—By CHARLES R. PALMER: Subject—"A Lesson in Christian Enterprise, from the Early Missions of the Jesuits."
- May 25—Rev. J. PARKER and Rev. J. B. MORSE made addresses.
- June 22—David MURRAY: Subject—"Hugh Miller, His Life and Writings."
- July 27—WILLIAM H. THOMPSON: Subject—"Turkey and its Inhabitants."
- Sept. 28—Rev. C. W. HEWES: Subject—"Popular Lecturing."
- Oct. 25—CHARLES H. ANTHONY: Subject—"Sanctions of Law."
- Nov. 23—CHARLES H. PORTER: Subject—"Oliver Cromwell."
- Dec. 25—H. S. MCCALL: Subject—"Religious Revolt of the Netherlands."
- Jan. 25—THADDEUS R. WHITE: Subject—"March of Mind."
- Feb. 22—CHARLES H. ANTHONY: Subject—"Theory of Repentance."

Several applications were made to the Committee to admit courses of Popular Lectures, under the auspices of this Association, but it was thought best not to permit them, for several reasons; one was, that a course of such lectures are provided, each winter, by the Young Men's Association, of this city, with whom we wish to avoid all appearance of rivalry; another, and the principal one is, we have deemed it of doubtful policy, for a Young Men's Christian Association to engage in such literary labors.

SABBATH EVENING SERMONS.

The Literary Committee also arranged a series of Sabbath Evening Sermons, to be delivered during the winter months, on such evenings as would not interfere with the monthly concerts in the churches. Each clergyman invited to

preach, expressed a willingness to comply with the wishes of the committee ; and, although not as many sermons of this series have been delivered as were expected, much gratitude has been expressed by members and others, for the very able discourses, to which it has been our privilege to listen.

Sermons were delivered as follows :

Dec. 13—By Rev. Dr. HOPKINS, President of Williams College.

“ 27—By Rev. Dr. ROGERS, Pastor of North Dutch Church.

Jan. 24—By Rev. Mr. SEELYE, Pastor of Fourth Presbyterian Church.

Feb. 21—By Rev. Dr. MAGOON, Pastor of First Baptist Church.

“ 28—By Rev. Dr. HAGUE, Pastor of Pearl street Baptist Church.

March 9—By Rev. Dr. BEMAN, of Troy.

“ 22—By Rev. Mr. NEWMAN, Pastor of North Methodist Church.

PRAYER MEETINGS.

The Prayer Meetings held at the Rooms on Saturday evenings—like Social Meetings in churches—are sustained by a faithful few ; but we hope the number of these may be greatly increased. Indeed there seems to be a desire on the part of younger persons to attend, and it has greatly cheered our hearts to join in prayer with some, whose voices are never heard in the church prayer meeting. As a means of growth in grace to such, we think these meetings can not be too highly prized.

Daily Prayer Meetings have also been held at the Rooms, during the past week (and will be continued), from 5 to 6 o'clock, which have been precious seasons of interest to the Christian, and, we trust, profitable to all in attendance.

We would exhort all the Members of the Association, whether Active or Associate, to be present and join in these meetings for prayer—

“Restraining prayer we cease to fight
Prayer makes the Christian’s armor bright;
And Satan trembles, when he sees
The weakest saint upon his knees.”

CONCLUSION.

Having thus hastily glanced at some of the leading features of our Association, we now respectfully ask—Is not this an appropriate field for the Christian to labor in? And will not every Christian young man in Albany cast in his lot with us, and thus become a fellow helper unto the Kingdom?

Far be it from me to say, that it is the duty of every Christian young man to join this Association; that depends much upon the circumstances of each individual, but I am certainly safe in declaring it the duty of every Christian, to belong to the Church of Christ; to be active there; to do what his hand findeth to do, in and through the church; to do good, “especially to them who are of the household of faith,” by means of its organizations and instrumentalities; and as we believe the Young Men’s Christian Association is an institution approved of God, and an auxiliary to the church, we feel that there is an eminent propriety, to say the least, in Christians preferring such associations to those of a worldly character.

How many professors of religion we find—a large majority of them young men—loud in their praises, and punctual in their attendance at meetings of the respective “lodge” or “club” to which they belong, who, if invited to aid in sustaining the weekly prayer meetings of the church, to which they also belong, will render the most frivolous excuses, pleading inability to pray, or want of time to attend; it may be both these excuses, and many more; and, if called

upon to aid some benevolent object, in connection with the church, by contributing of what God has given them, will uniformly decline, while they are ever prompt in payment of dues to their much loved anti-church society. My brethren, "these things ought not so to be." Are ye not thus, "unequally yoked together with unbelievers?" Is there not room enough in the Christian Church for the exercise of your benevolence, and for the improvement of the talents God has given you? Would it not reflect more credit upon your profession, and be more in consistency with the requirements of the Gospel, that you let your light shine in the church rather than in the world? Would not your fellow men be more likely to take knowledge of you, that you have been with Christ, and, by your example, would you not be more likely to win souls to Christ?

O for that day, when each and every Christian shall feel the responsibility of being a Christian, when the world shall not have so much reason to say concerning professors, "What do they more than others?"

I would put it to the conscience of every professor of religion, of the class alluded to, can you stand aloof, with folded arms, and, as the case may be, with doubting gesture, from an organization so truly catholic in its designs, and so truly Christian in its character, while you suffer your name to stand prominently enrolled, as a member of one or more secret associations—time honored though they be, and benevolent too, so far as their objects are known—while you neglect almost all your Christian duties, and ignore the church, as the channel through which, to dispense blessings to your fellow men?

The CHURCH is the HOME of the Christian, and happy is that Christian, who, in sincere and devout love for the Church, can exclaim—in the same spirit that prompted the declaration—"If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember thee, let

my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth, if I *prefer* not Jerusalem, above my chief joy."

Brethren—Members of the Association—have we not reason to congratulate ourselves in view of the present condition and prospect of our Association? The brief past of our history has shown to ourselves, if not to the world, "how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Let the same spirit of Christian love continue in the future, as in the past, and all will be well. May we ever regard the apostolic injunction "follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord, out of a pure heart—but foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes"—and all the exciting topics of the day, whether of a political or theological type, let them not be so much as named among us. Such questions, important though they be, are foreign to the interests and aims of this Association, and there is not wanting evidence that these unwise discussions, whether they have occurred in the Young Men's Christian Association or other religious societies, tend to awaken distrust and alarm in the public mind. Indeed, such has already been their influence, in reference to these associations, that some whom we have solicited to join us, have declined, fearing that the same scenes may be reacted here.

Let the future of our history serve to convince them that as for us, both as individuals, and as an Association, we will serve the Lord.

As we have seen, the energies of the Association have been largely taxed, the past year, to originate and lay the foundation of what we hope shall prove a beautiful and long-enduring edifice, and we can not but feel that God has graciously smiled on our enterprise, and if we continue to labor in the good work, with a prayerful desire to glorify Him, we shall know hereafter that our labor has not been in vain.

With this statement of the affairs of the Association, my official duties cease.

I thank you, gentlemen, for the generous confidence reposed in me, by calling me to preside over the affairs of your Association the past year.

If my official acts—which I have endeavored to perform in faithfulness—shall have met your approval, I owe it, in a great degree, to the efficiency and willing co-operation of the other gentlemen composing the Board of Directors, with whom it will prove a lasting pleasure to me to have been thus associated.

JUSTUS F. TAYLOR, *President.*

Albany, March 22, 1858.

WM. L. WOOLLETT, JR., Treasurer, in account with the ALBANY YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

DR.		CR.	
Cash received from Members,.....	\$578 00	Cash paid for Printing,.....	\$63 32
“ “ Life Members,.....	500 00	“ “ Advertising,.....	18 25
“ “ Gen. John Tayler Cooper's subscription to the Library,.....	100 00	“ “ Rent,.....	300 00
“ “ Finance Committee,....	351 00	“ “ to Janitor,.....	100 00
		“ “ for Gas,.....	29 40
		“ “ Water,.....	7 00
		“ “ Fuel,.....	29 50
		“ “ Furniture and Fitting up Rooms,.....	616 16
		“ “ Books and Stationery,.....	161 16
		“ “ Newspapers and Periodicals,.....	52 87
		“ “ Sundry Bills,.....	18 58
		“ “ Printing 7000 Cards for Union Daily Prayer Meetings now being held,.....	13 50
		“ “ to Library Committee,.....	100 00
		“ “ on hand,.....	19 26
Total,.....	<u>\$1,529 00</u>	Total,.....	<u>\$1,529 00</u>

Albany, March 22, 1858.

We have examined the Treasurer's Account, and find it properly vouched and correct,

WM. L. WOOLLETT, JR., Treasurer.

THOMAS OLCOTT, } Auditing Committee.
TOWNSEND FONDA, }

Report of the Committee on Rooms and Library.

The Committee on Rooms and Library would respectfully report :

That at the time of the appointment of your Committee, much difficulty was experienced in obtaining suitable rooms for the use of the Association. It was desirable that the location should be as central as possible, and not so expensive as to embarrass our operations. A fictitious advance in the price of rent at that time made it more difficult to secure what was desirable. After carefully examining a number of places, varying in the price of rent, and accommodations, the Committee came to the unanimous conclusion that the rooms hired were the best they could obtain under the then existing circumstances. Nor have they since that period found any other place which would so well supply our need.

What the Committee desired, and what they trust they have secured, was not an office where the members would assemble from month to month, merely for the transaction of business, but such a situation and such accommodations that there would linger around them that home feeling which is so dear to all our hearts. In the varied and fitting adornments of the rooms they have studied to produce such a place that whoever enters it shall feel truly here is a place away from the battle and tumult of the world, where the weary and the worn may find rest.

The expense of furnishing the rooms being no inconsiderable sum, the Committee deemed it advisable to secure the rooms for a longer period than one year and consequently by the authority of the Board of Directors, hired the same for a period of five years, at an annual rent of four hundred dollars. Although the amount of room secured for the Association is much more than is actually needed at present for the purposes of the Association, yet the Committee deemed it advisable to secure the whole premises, as by so doing they could separate themselves from many Associations which they wished to avoid. And the result has confirmed them in the wisdom of their decision. A portion of the upper story has been leased for a period of five years, for fifty dollars a year, subject, however, to the right of the Association to resume possession on the first of May in any year, on giving three months' notice that the lease shall terminate. For the coming year they have leased to the A. B. C. F. M. a portion of the third story for fifty dollars, and a portion of the premises equivalent in value to at least one hundred dollars is occupied

by the Janitor. So that the actual expense of rent for rooms occupied by the Association is about two hundred dollars.

The amount incurred by the Committee for fixing and furnishing the rooms has been \$675.04. The ladies have kindly adorned our windows with a set of valuable fine damask curtains, and the paintings that decorate our walls, the property of Mr. Angelo Ames, were kindly hung there by him, as a friend to our Association; while the book case gratuitously loaned by Mr. Wm. N. Strong has relieved us from the expense of purchasing one.

It was the wish, not only of this Committee, but of the whole Board of Directors, to spend the income from members, for the payment of the current expenses of the Association, and place the balance on the shelves of the library; but the severe financial revulsion destroyed all the hopes of the Finance Committee, of raising the expense of furnishing the rooms entirely by subscription, so that a large portion of the funds which should have been expended for books, was expended in furnishing the rooms. Could we have received the sums which the Committee and the Board of Directors judged, properly belonged to us, we should have more than doubled the number of books upon our shelves.

The Committee invited the members and friends of the Association, to donate books to the Library, and this invitation has been cheerfully responded to, and three hundred and ninety-six volumes have been generously given us; nor have the gifts all yet come to hand, as the Committee have been informed that still other books will be presented. A full list of donors and gifts accompany this report. Besides the books donated the Committee have added to the Library about two hundred volumes.

The Library is divided into two Departments, a Reference and Circulating Department. The Reference Department is composed of Commentaries, Dictionaries, Encyclopedias, Bible Dictionaries, and other works of reference, designed principally for Sabbath School Teachers and Bible Students. The Circulating Library is designed for the general reader, and as our Association is based upon the great doctrine of Christian truth and Christian morals, it becomes important that our Library should be composed of the best standard works in our language. While we would not entirely neglect Poetry and the works of Fancy, we would have our shelves filled with History and Biography; Philosophy, Natural, Mental and Moral; works of Criticism, Logic and Belles Lettres; and to crown all, the great Department of Christian Truth and the Christian Religion, should stand out replete with the master pieces of her Theologians and Historians, her men of Science, her refined Students, and her classic Scholars.

This Department of our Association, is most cheerfully recommended to your fostering care. It is the only public Library in the city, which professes to furnish to its readers a department of Christian Literature, and ours is the only Association which proposes in any manner to stem the current of scepticism and sceptical Philosophy, which is pouring its dark waters of pollution

and death over our land. And may the streams of influence which flow from the alcoves of our library and our tables, loaded with the best selections from newspapers and periodicals, be for a blessing to our members, our churches, and our city.

The number of Quarterlies now taken by the Association, is 10; Monthlies, 4; Weeklies, 13.

Your Committee can not close their report, without returning their thanks to the President and many of the Members of the Association, for the kindness and liberality with which they have aided them in the discharge of their duties. Thanks are also due to the following merchants, who have furnished us articles at cost: Messrs. Taylor & Waterman, Carpeting and Oil Cloth; Messrs. Van Heusen & Charles, Gas Fixtures; Messrs. Elias Gates, S. R. Gray, E. H. Bender, Wm. B. Sprague, and Frank H. Little, Books.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. S. McCALL,
WM. L. WOOLLETT, JR.,
HENRY MATTICE,
Committee.

Donations Received.

FROM THE LADIES.—A set of fine Damask Window Curtains.

MESSRS. HOFFMAN, KNICKERBOCKER & Co.—Hall's Geological Chart and Key.

WILLIAM W. HAGUE, Esq.—Umbrella Stand.

J. J. DE FOREST, Esq.—Ballot Box and Counters.

B. F. MIX, Esq.—An Eight Day Mantle Clock.

Donations to the Library.

ANTHONY, CHARLES H.—Flint's Survey, Junkin on the Prophecies, State Cabinet of Natural History of 1850, Newman's Practical Rhetoric, Patriarchy or the Family, Human Physiology, Fasquelle's French Course, Grammaire Anglaise, 5 vols. of National Magazine, unbound. 13 vols.

ALBANY COUNTY BIBLE SOCIETY.—One gilt quarto Bible.

ALBANY YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION.—Catalogue of Library.

BLAKE, GEORGE.—Life of Duke of Wellington.

BLAKE, JAMES.—Dick's complete works. 2 vols.

BLAKE, DAVID.—My School and Schoolmasters.

BROWER, WALTER S.—Spark's Life of Franklin.

BURTON, CHARLES E.—Webster's Dictionary unabridged, Religious Encyclopædia. 2 vols.

BENTLEY, C. W.—Religion the Weal of the Church, Man and His Motives, Principalities and Powers, Here a Little and There a Little, Greek and Eastern Churches, Design of the Church, The World we Live In. 7 vols.

COOPER, JOHN TAYLER.—One hundred dollars (\$100).

CLINKER, H. J.—American and Foreign Christian Union, vols. 1 and 2, 2 vols. of Tracts, Jark's Homeopathic Remedies. 4 vols.

COOK, J. M.—Owen on the Person and Glory of Christ.

COOK, JACOB.—Pictorial Lives of Washington, Napoleon, Taylor and Jackson. 4 vols.

DAVIS, REV. J. K.—The Convict Ship.

DE VOL, CHARLES, M. D.—Seven vols. of Tracts.

DICKSON, HON. S.—Patent Office Report for 1856, 3 vols.; Commercial Relations, vols. 3 and 4. 5 vols.

DUNCAN, JAMES.—Life and Times of Bishop Hedding.

DYER, REV. DAVID.—Hyponoia.

EDWARDS, JAMES.—God Revealed in Creation and Christ, Life of Dr. Yale, Theological Essays, Memoirs of Cornelius. 4 vols.

GIBSON, WILLIAM J.—School Days at Rugby, Uses and Abuses of Air, Eothen and the French in Algiers, History of Florence. 4 vols.

GOMPH, LEWIS.—Seyffarth's Chronology.

HARVEY, FRANK V.—The City of Sin.

HICKCOX, JOHN H.—Seventeenth Report of Regents of University, Report of Superintendent of Public Instruction, Report of Select Committee on Charitable Institutions, Report of State Engineer for 1857. 4 vols.

HILSON, ROBERT.—Beckman's History of Inventions.

HOLBROOK, F. W.—The Man of Business, The Better Land. 2 vols.

JAMES, EDWARD.—Westward Empire. 4 vols.

LADY, A.—Bunyan's Holy War, Pilgrim's Progress, Cheever's Lectures on Pilgrim's Progress, Biblical Atlas, 11 vols. of Barnes' Notes. 15 vols.

LARCHER, SAMUEL W.—History of the Reformation. 3 vols.

MCCALL, H. S.—Burke's Works. 3 vols., Berkeley's Alciphron. 4 vols.

MCCORMICK, R. C.—Songs of Zion.

MIX, B. FRANK.—Lectures on the Miracles, Lectures on the Parables, Religious Experience, Epitome of Ecclesiastical History, Memoirs of Cornelius, Universal History, Religious Event, Clergyman's Companion, Brief Remarker, Memoir of Ethan Allen, Hale's United States, Scripture History, New York City and State, 1832, Mrs. Child's Appeal, Book of Illustrious Mechanics. 15 vols.

MUNSELL, JOEL.—Annals of Albany, 8 vols.; Wilson's Business Directory, New York, H. Munsell's Grammar, Farmers' Law Book, Life of Baron Trenck, Trappers of New York, Gospel Crown of Life, Life of Lamb, Lucinda, Wise's History of Israelites, American Biographical Panorama, Lutheran Catechism, Munsell's Bibliographical Catalogue, Personal Identity, Life of Lighton, Bungay's Pen and Ink Portraits, Sickles' Argument on Trinity Church, Trinity Church Title, Helderbergia, Munsell's Paper and Paper Making, American Spy, Brand in Cereals, Munsell's Every Day Book. 22 vols. and 8 pamphlets.

NEWCOMB, EDWARD.—Buck's Theological Dictionary.

NEWCOMB, WILLIAM W.—Six days of Creation.

NEW YORK STATE LIBRARY.—Catalogues of State Library, 3 vols., Stryker's American Register, vols. 3 and 4, Canada at the Universal Exhibition, Missionary Herald for 1827 and '28, Spirit of Missions for 1844, '45 and '46, John's Unity of the Human Race, Index Expurgatorius Vaticanum. 10 vols.

OLCOTT, THOMAS W.—Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation, God Revealed in Creation and Christ. 2 vols.

PALMER, CHARLES R.—A Fagot of French Sticks, Literati by Poe, Life of Francis Marion, Life of Andrew Jackson, Sir John Franklin and the Arctic Regions. 5 vols.

QUACKENBOSS, EUGENE W.—Conflict of Ages.

RATHBONE, CHARLES D.—Sprague's Annals of the American Pulpit. 4 vols.

RICHARDSON, MOSES.—Biographical Sketches.

RODGERS, JAMES.—God against Slavery.

SNELL, WILLIAM.—Life and Letters of Dr. Temple, Life of Dr. Alexander. 2 vols.

SWAN, RICHARD W.—Annual of Scientific Discovery for 1857.

TAYLOR, JUSTUS F.—History of the Presbyterian Church, Life of Dr. Yale, Evangelical Guardian, 2 vols.; Moral Science, Life of Brant, 2 vols. 7 vols.

TEBBUTT, MARSHALL.—Irving's Life of Washington, vols. 1 and 2, Christianity and Statesmanship. 3 vols.

TEMPLETON, JOHN.—Spencer's Sketches. 2 vols.

VAN VLIET, G. DUDLEY.—Testimony of the Rocks.

WOODWARD, REV. JAMES W.—Howe's Works, 2 vols.; Aids to Reflection, Life and Times of Richard Baxter, 2 vols.; Blackstone's Commentaries, 4 vols.; Ecclesiastical History, Charnock on the Attributes, 2 vols.; Dick's Theology, 2 vols.; Works of Pres. Edwards the younger, 2 vols.; Quakerism not Christianity, Turretinus, 3 vols.; Lectures by E. Porter, Letters on the Ministry, Life of Evarts, Speeches of D. Webster, Bingham's Sandwich Islands, California Message and Correspondence of 1850, Society of Friends Vindicated, The Hierophant, Religion of America, Evidence of Christianity; Temperance Documents, Triangle, Book of Nature, Whitefield, Josephus, Chalmers on Romans, Cooper's Surgery; Medley, 3 vols.; Guthrie's Geography, Christianity in India, Tamul New Testament, Charnock, Life of Nelson, History of the Church of Scotland; Chalmers' Sermons, 2 vols.; Philosophy by Millington, Calvin's Institutes, 3 vols.; Dwight's Theology, 4 vols.; Universal Geography, 2 vols.; Burnet's Reformation, 3 vols.; Fountain of Life, Brown's Divinity, Tytler's History, New Dispensatory, Universalism Destroys Itself, Missionary Enterprises, Venn's Duty of Man, Practical Piety, Edwards on Revivals, Lord's Supper, Life of Hallock, Barnes on Slavery, Comstock's Geology, Teachers' Manual, Corner Stone, Inspiration of the Bible, Owen on Forgiveness, Evidences of Christianity, Spiritual Mindedness, Scripture History, Natural Theology, 2 vols.; Davies' Sermons, 3 vols.; Hannah Moore on Prayer, Paradise Lost, Harriet Newel, Tamul Hymn Book, Griggs on Infant Baptism, Testamentary Counsels, Homeopathia, Night Thoughts, Connecticut Register, Congregational Order, Baxter's Saint's Rest, Memoir of Pearce, Reformation in Europe, Lacon, Child's Book on the Sabbath, Child at Home, History of the Huguenots, Memoir of James B. Taylor, Thoughts on Popery, Pastor's Offering, World Without Souls, Common Prayer, Touchstone, Bogue's Evidences, Psalms and Hymns, Life of Cranmer, 2 vols.; Reformed Religion in France, 3 vols.; District School, Memoir of Dwight, Theory of Moral

Sentiments, Tracts, Christian Philosophy, Cold-Water Man, Goldsmith's Rome, Baptismal Question, Way of Life, Selections on the Atonement, Infant Baptism by Spinola, Temperance Volume, Goodrich Greek Grammar, Kuinoel Commentarius in Nov. Testamentum, 4 vols.; Rosenmuelleri Scholia in Vetus Test., 5 vols.; Commentarii Johannis Calvini, 3 vols.; Biblical Repository, 18 vols. 233 vols.

WEED, PARSONS & Co.—Red Book for 1858.

*** A few of the above volumes have been sent in since the rendering of the President's Report, and a few have been bought, making the number in the Library at about seven hundred volumes.

Papers and Periodicals.

The following are taken by the Association :

WEEKLIES.

The Examiner, The Christian Intelligencer, The Evangelist, The New York Observer, The Protestant Churchman, The Independent, The Christian Advocate and Journal, The North-West Christian Advocate, The Watchman and Reflector, The Missionary, The Central Christian Herald, The Congregationalist, The Christian Chronicle.

MONTHLIES.

The National Magazine, The Missionary Herald, Blackwood, The Young Men's Magazine.

QUARTERLIES.

Bibliotheca Sacra, Presbyterian Quarterly, New Englander, Biblical Repository, Christian Review, Evangelical Review, Methodist Quarterly, The Edinburgh, The North British, The London Quarterly.

Donations to Finance Committee.

JOHN F. RATHBONE,.....	\$10.00	J. F. TAYLOR,.....	\$10.00
R. H. WELLS,.....	10.00	H. S. MCCALL,.....	10.00
JAMES B. SANDERS,.....	10.00	H. G. GILBERT,.....	10.00
JOHN G. TREADWELL,.....	10.00	JAMES H. MCCLURE,.....	10.00
THEODORE TOWNSEND,.....	10.00	ISAAC W. VOSBURGH,	10.00
ARCHIBALD MCCLURE, JR.,...	10.00	ROBERT L. JOHNSON,.....	10.00
DAVID MURRAY,.....	10.00	ELIPHALET WICKES,.....	10.00
CHARLES H. ANTHONY,.....	10.00	WILLIAM L. WOOLLETT, JR.,...	10.00
SAMUEL PATTEN,.....	10.00	THOMAS W. OLCOTT,.....	10.00
JESSE O. VANDERPOEL,.....	5.00	S. OAKLEY VANDERPOEL,...	5.00
HENRY LANSING,.....	5.00	GEO. E. WOOLVERTON,.....	5.00
WM. M. VAN ANTWERP,.....	5.00	NATHANIEL WRIGHT,.....	5.00
R. S. & P. CUSHMAN,.....	5.00	F. EDSON,.....	5.00
E. H. BENDER,.....	5.00	FRANK H. LITTLE,.....	5.00
A. WING,.....	5.00	E. A. DURANT,.....	5.00
THOMAS P. CROOK,.....	5.00	JOHN H. VAN ANTWERP,.....	5.00
ALEX. DAVIDSON,.....	5.00	WILLIAM H. DEWITT,.....	5.00
J. C. GRIMWOOD,.....	5.00	JAMES HENDRICK,.....	5.00
B. R. & R. L. SPELMAN,.....	5.00	CHARLES VAN BENTHUYSEN,..	5.00
HENRY BLEECKER,.....	5.00	T. F. & J. H. HUMPHREY,....	5.00
CHARLES B. REDFIELD,.....	5.00	H. N. WICKES,.....	5.00
WM. C. MCHARG,.....	5.00	M. E. VIELE,.....	5.00
R. K. VIELE,.....	3.00	SAMUEL ANABLE,.....	3.00
A. VAN ALLEN,.....	3.00	E. PEMBERTON,.....	3.00
CHARLES FROTHINGHAM,.....	3.00	CHARLES D. RATHBONE,.....	3.00
WALTER S. BROWER,.....	3.00	JOHN W. EDDY,.....	3.00
J. P. MOULTON,.....	2.00	S. D. BROWER,.....	3.00
J. A. LANSING,.....	2.00	J. R. HERRICK,.....	2.00
E. W. QUACKENBOSS,.....	2.00	L. DEDERICK,.....	2.00
H. MATTICE,.....	2.00	CASH,.....	1.00
CASH,.....	1.00		

Albany Young Men's Christian Association.

PREAMBLE.

We, the subscribers, actuated by a desire to promote evangelical religion among the young men of this city and its vicinity, and those temporarily residing in it, and impressed with the importance of concentrated effort to aid in accomplishing that object, and desirous of forming an association in which we may together labor for the end proposed, hereby agree to adopt for our government the following

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

NAME AND OBJECT.

SECTION 1. The name of this society shall be "The Albany Young Men's Christian Association," and it shall be located in the city of Albany.

SEC. 2. The object of this Association shall be the improvement of the spiritual, mental and social condition of young men, by the ways and means to be hereinafter designated.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS.

SEC. 1. The members of this Association shall consist of three kinds, viz: Active, Associate and Life Members.

SEC. 2. Any young man, who is a member in good standing of an evangelical church, may become an Active Member, by payment in advance of two dollars annually. Active Members only shall have a right to vote, and be eligible to office, and it shall be their particular duty to carry out the objects of this Association.

SEC. 3. Any man of good moral character may become an Associate Member by the payment, in advance, of two dollars annually. Associate Members shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Association except those of voting and being eligible to office.

SEC. 4. Life Members may be constituted by the payment of twenty-five dollars at any one time, subject to the qualifications and restrictions named in sections two and three of this article.

SEC. 5. Any member of the Association may propose the name of an applicant for membership at any of its regular meetings; but a vote shall not be taken thereon until the next regular monthly meeting of the Association, when a vote by ballot shall be taken, and a number of ballots equal to two-thirds of the members present shall be required to elect said applicant.

ARTICLE III.

DUTIES OF MEMBERS.

SEC. 1. The members of the Association shall seek out young men taking up their residence in Albany and its vicinity, and endeavor to bring them under moral and religious influences, by aiding them in the selection of suitable boarding places and employments, by introducing them to the members and privileges of this Association, securing their attendance at some place of worship on the Sabbath, and by every means in their power surrounding them with Christian associates.

SEC. 2. The members of the Association shall exert themselves to interest the churches to which they respectively belong in the object and welfare of the Association. They shall labor to induce all suitable young men of their acquaintance to connect themselves with the Association, and to use all practical means for increasing its membership, activity and usefulness.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, two Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer and fourteen Directors, two of the latter to be appointed from each of the respective denominations represented in the Association.

SEC. 2. A Nominating Committee of fourteen members, two from each denomination represented in the Association, to nominate all the above officers, shall be appointed annually by the Association, and at least one month previous to the annual election.

SEC. 3. Of the above named officers, the President, Vice Presidents, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer shall hold

office for one year, and the Directors for two years. At the first election of officers of this Association, seven of the Directors, one from each denomination represented in the Association, shall be elected for one year, and seven for two years, and each year thereafter seven new Directors chosen one from each denomination, shall be elected.

SEC. 4. A ballot for the election of the above officers shall be held between the hours of eleven and three on the third Monday of March, and the persons thus elected shall enter upon office on the fourth Monday of March.

ARTICLE V.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the President, or in his absence, one of the Vice Presidents to preside at all meetings of the Association and Board of Directors, and preserve in strict exercise the rules established by Parliamentary usage. It shall also be the duty of the President to present, at the Annual Meeting of the Association, a full report of the doings and progress of the Association during the preceding year.

SEC. 2. The Corresponding Secretary shall, under the direction of the Board of Directors, be the organ of the Association in its conferences with other societies and with the public; he shall keep copies of all letters written by him, and files of those received by him, relating to the affairs of the Association.

SEC. 3. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys due the Association, and disburse the same under the direction of the Board of Directors; and shall keep a full and correct account of his transactions, and report to the Board when so required, and to the Association at its annual meeting.

SEC. 4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the transactions of all meetings of the Board and of the Association and notify members of their election.

SEC. 5. The Board of Directors shall also appoint a Register and Librarian who shall take charge of and keep in order all books, documents, and other movable property of the Association, keep a correct catalogue and account of the same, and also a record of all books delivered to the members of the Association, and shall keep a full and complete record of the name, place of business and of residence, denomination and church, of each member of the Association, stating to which class of members he may belong, and when and by whom he was introduced to the Association. Said record shall be kept open at the rooms of the Association for the inspection of its members. He shall also collect all moneys due the Association, rendering all accounts of the same to the Treasurer. For all of which services he shall be entitled to a reasonable compensation, to be determined by the Board of Directors.

SEC. 6. The Board of Directors shall hold their meetings at least once a month; nine shall constitute a quorum thereof.

ARTICLE VI.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

SEC. 1. There shall be the following Standing Committees of the Association, viz: A Committee on the Sick; A Committee on Churches; a Committee on Employment; and a Committee on Boarding Houses; to consist of seven members each, one from each denomination represented in the Association, to be appointed annually, by the Board of Directors.

SEC. 2. The duties of the Committee on the Sick, shall be to visit and relieve the sick of the Association so far as is in their power.

The Committee on Churches shall introduce members to places of worship, pastors and Sabbath schools.

The Employment Committee shall aid members in securing places of employment.

The Boarding House Committee shall aid members in selecting boarding houses.

ARTICLE VII.

VACANCIES IN OFFICE.

In case of any vacancy occurring in the offices, the Board of Directors shall have power to fill the same until the time of the next annual meeting.

ARTICLE VIII.

MEETINGS.

SEC. 1. There shall be a meeting of the Association on the fourth Monday evening of each month, for the proposal and election of members, for the promotion of Christian and Social intercourse, and for the reception and consideration of such information as will advance the welfare of the Association.

SEC. 2. There shall be an annual meeting of the Association on the fourth Monday evening of March, at which time the reports of the President and Treasurer shall be read.

SEC. 3. Special meetings of the Association for the transaction of business shall be called by the President, at the written request of ten members thereof.

SEC. 4. Twenty-one members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting where business is to be transacted.

SEC. 5. All meetings of the Association shall be opened and closed with religious exercises.

ARTICLE IX.

AMENDMENTS.

The provisions of this Constitution, by which none but members in good standing of evangelical churches may vote or hold office, shall never be annulled; and no amendment of this Constitution may be made, which, if made, would allow these provisions to be annulled.

In other respects, this Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any regular meeting of the Association, provided such alteration or amendment shall have been proposed at a meeting at least one month previous.

ARTICLE X.

DISCIPLINE.

SEC. 1. In case of misconduct or neglect of duty in office, the majority of the Board of Directors may declare the office of such offender vacant. Absence from three successive meetings without excuse shall be considered such a neglect of duty. Due opportunity for defense shall be allowed the accused.

SEC. 2. In case any member shall be charged with immorality, by reason of which he shall be no longer qualified for membership under Article II of the Constitution, a committee of five shall be appointed at any regular meeting, or at any special meeting to be called for that purpose, whose duty it shall be to investigate such charges, and report the result of such investigation, and all testimony taken thereon, when so required, to the next meeting. Any person so charged may attend before such committee, and may introduce testimony rebutting such charge.

SEC. 3. At the meeting of the Association at which such report shall be made, said report may be adopted or rejected; and, if the committee report that they find the accused person guilty of the charge, and the Association shall adopt such report, the accused shall be thereby expelled the Association, and shall forfeit all his rights and privileges therein. At such meeting, and before the adoption or rejection of such report, the accused may make his defense.

By-Laws of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE I.

MEETINGS.

SEC. 1. The regular meetings of this Board shall be held on the third Monday evening of each month.

SEC. 2. Special meetings shall be called by the President, at the written request of five members.

ARTICLE II.

ABSENCE FROM MEETINGS.

Any member absenting himself from two successive regular meetings without excuse, shall be notified thereof by the Secretary; and should he remain absent from the next meeting, no excuse being given, his office may be declared vacant by a vote of a majority of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

All meetings of the Board shall be opened and closed with religious exercises, and the business conducted in the following order:

1. Roll call.
2. Reading minutes of the preceding meeting.
3. Treasurer's Report.
4. Corresponding Secretary's Report.
5. Report of Committees.
6. Unfinished Business.
7. Miscellaneous Business.

ARTICLE IV.

COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES.

SEC. 1. The following shall be the standing committees of the Board, to consist of three members each, and to be appointed from among the Board of Directors, viz: a Committee on Finance, a Committee on Rooms and Fixtures, a Committee on Library and Periodicals, a Committee on Publishing and Statistics, and a Committee on Literary Exercises.

SEC. 2. The Committee on Finance shall devise means for obtaining the necessary funds for the Association; the Committee on Rooms and Fixtures shall select (subject to the approval of the Board) proper rooms for the use of the Association, and make provision for keeping the same in order.

The Committee on Library and Periodicals shall use all suitable means for the increase and preservation of the Library; and shall approve all publications previous to their admission into the Library and Reading Rooms of the Association.

The Committee on Publishing and Statistics shall superintend the printing and publishing of all books, documents, reports and circulars issued by the Association. They shall prepare, and cause to be inserted in the newspapers of this city, such communications relative to the society and its operations as may from time to time appear calculated to interest the Christian public in its behalf. They shall also superintend the Register in his duties, and shall devise and carry out methods of increasing the membership, and shall attend to any other statistical matter within their reach relating to the Association.

The Committee on Literary Exercises shall have power to provide for the delivery of public lectures and sermons, upon subjects adapted to the spiritual and mental improvement of young men, and shall provide suitable essays or reviews to be read at the monthly meetings of the Association.

SEC. 3. All committees shall be appointed by the presiding officer, except on special motion to the contrary.

ARTICLE V.

EXPENDITURES.

All expenditures for the Association shall come through their respective committees; and all bills shall be certified by the chairman or a majority of the committee before being submitted to the Board.

ARTICLE VI.

REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS.

All reports shall be submitted in writing, and resolutions offered shall be reduced to writing and signed by the mover when called for by any member present.

ARTICLE VII.

AMENDMENTS.

These By-Laws may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the directors present at a regular meeting, notice having been given at a previous meeting of the proposed amendments, or by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the whole Board at any regular meeting without previous notice.

Charter.

State of New York, City and County of Albany, ss :

We the undersigned citizens of the state of New York, of full age, being desirous to associate ourselves for a benevolent purpose, do hereby, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided, certify that the name by which the society or incorporation hereby to be formed shall be known in law, is

THE ALBANY YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

That the object and business of such society is the improvement of the spiritual, mental and social condition of young men ; that the directors are eighteen in number, that the names of the directors for the first year of the existence of this society are as follows, viz :

JUSTUS F. TAYLOR,
WM. W. HAGUE,
HENRY S. McCALL,
WM. L. WOOLLETT, JR.,
HENRY MATTICE,
JACOB J. DE FOREST,
LORENZO AMES,
WILLIAM T. HOYT,
DAVID MURRAY,

HENRY N. WICKES,
WILLIAM M. VAN ANTWERP,
JOHN F. RATHBONE,
WILLIAM S. TUCKER,
JAMES DUNCAN,
GEORGE W. WARREN,
JOHN H. VAN ANTWERP,
HENRY H. VAN DYCK,
JOSEPH W. WRIGHT,

And that the location of the Society is in the city of Albany.

Albany, March 30, 1857. (Signed,)

JUSTUS F. TAYLOR,
DAVID MURRAY,
HENRY N. WICKES,
HENRY MATTICE,

JAMES DUNCAN,
WILLIAM N. HOYT,
LORENZO AMES,
JOSEPH W. WRIGHT,

WM. M. VAN ANTWERP.

State of New York, City and County of Albany, ss :

On this 30th day of March, 1857, before me came the above named Justus F. Taylor, David Murray, Henry N. Wickes, Henry Mattice, William M. Van

Antwerp, James Duncan, William T. Hoyt, Lorenzo Ames, and Joseph W. Wright, to me severally known to be the persons described in, and who executed the above instrument, and severally acknowledged the execution thereof.

(Signed,)

H. S. McCALL,

Commissioner of Deeds.

I approve of the form and sufficiency of the within certificate, and consent that the same be filed in the proper office.

(Signed,)

IRA HARRIS,

Justice of the Supreme Court.

Life Members.

BARNARD, FREDERICK J.,
CAMPBELL, REV. JOHN N., D. D.,
CHAPIN, LYMAN,
COOPER, JOHN TAYLER,
EATON, JAMES W.,
GIBSON, JOHN,
HALLEY, REV. E., D. D.,
MCCLURE, ARCHIBALD,
OLCOTT, THOMAS W.,
PALMER, REV. RAY, D. D.,

PASTOR OF HUDSON ST. M. E. CHURCH,
RANSOM, SAMUEL H.,
RATHBONE, JOEL,
ROGERS, REV. E. P., D. D.,
SCHUYLER, THOMAS,
SPRAGUE, REV. WM. B., D. D.,
VAN HEUSEN, THEODORE V.,
VOSBURGH, ISAAC W.,
WILSON, BENJAMIN,
WYCKOFF, REV. I. N., D. D.,

Annual Members.

AMES, LORENZO,
ANTHONY, CHARLES H.,
ALVORD, HENRY B.,
ARNOLD, B. W.,
AVERILL, HORACE,
ANABLE, SAMUEL,
BROWER, WALTER S.,
BROWER, S. D.,
BUTLER, JAMES,
BELL, MATTHEW,

BURTON, CHARLES E.,
BLAKE, GEORGE,
BLAKE, R.,
BLAKE, DAVID,
BOYD, JAMES P.,
BARNARD, SAMUEL W.,
BUSH, WALTER R.,
BURTON, BENJAMIN,
BUEL, JESSIE,
BRIGHT, M. H.,

BENTLEY, C. W.,
 BECKER, AARON J.,
 BRISTOL, DAVID E.,
 BRAINARD, BENJAMIN C.,
 BAILEY, WILLIAM H.,
 BLAKE, JAMES,
 BATCHELDER, EDWARD C.,
 BISHOP, FREDERICK,
 BURROWS, GEORGE B.,
 BIRCH, JAMES,
 BOARDMAN, WILLIAM P.,
 BURGESS, LEONARD G.,
 BIGELOW, U. G.,
 BELDEN, EDWIN F.,
 BROWER, HENRY D.,
 BOARDMAN, WILLIAM G.,
 BALDWIN, HENRY, JR.,
 BENDER, E. H.,
 BLEECKER, HENRY,
 BURTON, JOHN E.,
 CAMERON, TRUMAN D.,
 CASSIDY, WILLIAM,
 CONKLIN, AARON,
 COTRELL, JOSHUA G.,
 COTRELL, EDGAR,
 CONE, S. G.,
 COOK, JOSEPH M.,
 COLLIER, JASON,
 CARPENTER, HENRY,
 CAMPBELL, D. W.,
 CROOK, THOMAS P.,
 CRAPO, ANGELO,
 COOK, JACOB,
 CLINKER, H. J.,
 CHAPMAN, ISAAC A.,
 CASE, NEWELL,
 COOPER, THOMAS C.,
 CURREN, GEORGE,
 CASE, WILLIAM D.,
 CUSHMAN, ROBERT S.,
 CUSHMAN, PAUL,
 DURANT, EDWARD P.,
 DICKEY, ANDREW,
 DE FOREST, JACOB J.,
 DE WITT, ABM. V.,

DOWSETT, ISAIAH C.,
 DOWSETT, ISAIAH, JR.,
 DALTON, WILLIAM,
 DUNCAN, JAMES,
 DOTY, L. L.,
 DOWNING, GEORGE,
 DYER, S. H., JR.,
 DURANT, A. B.,
 DE WITT, RICHARD VARICK,
 DARE, GIDEON,
 DODD, JAMES,
 DURAND, HARVEY,
 DE WITT, WILLIAM H.,
 DURANT, EDWARD A.,
 DAVIDSON, ALEXANDER,
 DEDERICK, LEVI,
 DENIZON DANIEL,
 EARL, JAMES H.,
 EDDY, JOHN W.,
 EASTON, CHARLES P.,
 EDWARDS, ISAAC,
 EDWARDS, JAMES,
 EDSON, F.,
 FELLOWS, J. E.,
 FROTHINGHAM, WILLIAM,
 FROTHINGHAM, CHARLES,
 FRYER, ALEXANDER,
 FONDA, TOWNSEND,
 FOLSOM, ALEXANDER,
 FREEMAN, S. H.,
 FINGER, LANSING,
 FREDERICK, PHILIP, JR.,
 FOSTER, STEPHEN L.,
 FELLOWS, FRANK,
 GLADDIS, G. M.,
 GRAY, STEPHEN R.,
 GALLION, HENRY,
 GELLER, CHARLES E.,
 GROESBECK, JAMES,
 GOSS, E. L.,
 GIBSON, H. J.,
 GOMPH, LEWIS,
 GOLDWAITE, JOHN,
 GILBERT, H. G.,
 GARFIELD, CHARLES L.,

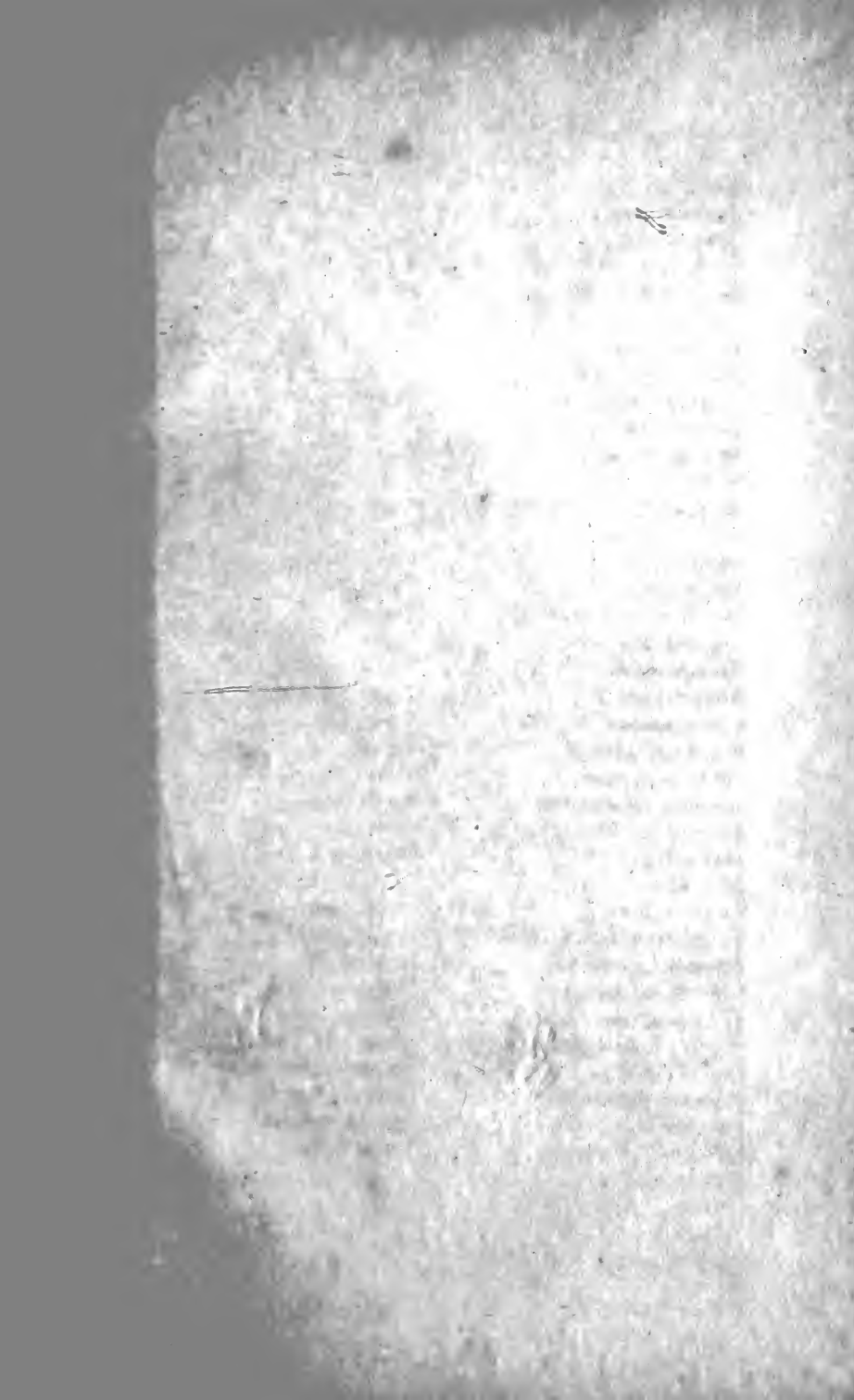
GOOLD, JAMES,
 GATES, ELIAS,
 GOODWIN, A. F.,
 GRIMWOOD, JOSEPH C.,
 GIBSON, WILLIAM J.,
 GORHAM, ALFRED,
 GOMPH, JEREMIAH,
 GRAVES, JAMES,
 GIBSON, JOHN, JR.,
 GIBSON, GEORGE,
 HILSON, ROBERT,
 HICKCOX, CHARLES S.,
 HUGHSON, JOHN C.,
 HENDRICK, JAMES,
 HASKELL, WILLIAM H.,
 HERRICK, J. W.,
 HERRICK, J. R.,
 HOYT, GEORGE B.,
 HARVEY, FRANK V.,
 HARRISON, JOHN,
 HEAXT, AARON D.,
 HUNGERFORD, O. M.,
 HOYT, WILLIAM T.,
 HAGUE, WILLIAM W.,
 HORTON, C. M.,
 HICKCOX, JOHN H.,
 HOLBROOK, F. W.,
 HOYT, CHARLES E.,
 HORTON, JAMES M.,
 HERON, JOHN N.,
 HEUSTED, ALBERT N.,
 HASKELL, WILLIAM P.,
 HEATON, GEORGE W.,
 HUNTINGTON, HENRY H.,
 HEWES, REV. CHARLES,
 HARCOURT, RICHARD,
 HAMILTON, SILAS B.,
 HAMILTON, ROBERT M.,
 HUMPHREY, JAMES H.,
 HUMPHREY, THEODORE F.,
 JOHNSON, ROBERT L.,
 JENKINS, LEMUEL,
 KENNEDY, JOSEPH,
 KING, ROBERT M.,
 KELLY, WARREN S.,

KIBBIE, A. S.,
 KALEY, GEORGE,
 KINNICUTT, S.,
 KINNICUTT, J. W.,
 KIRK, DAVID N.,
 LEONARD, DANIEL,
 LARCHER, S. W.,
 LATHROP, ARIEL,
 LANSING, JOSEPH A.,
 LANSING, HENRY,
 LITTLE, FRANK H.,
 MCCLURE, ARCHIBALD,
 MCCLURE, JAMES H.,
 MEACHAM, ROSWELL S.,
 MCMUNDY, ISAAC,
 MOULTON, J. P.,
 MURRAY, DAVID,
 MARTIN, JAMES,
 MILLER, E. J.,
 MATTICE, HENRY,
 McELROY, JAMES,
 MCMURDY, ROBERT S.,
 MERRIMAN, H. N.,
 MCCALL, HENRY S.,
 MIX, FRANK B.,
 MILLS, B. H.,
 MIX, STEPHEN H.,
 MUNSELL, JOEL,
 MARKS, SAMUEL H.,
 McALISTER, ADAM A.,
 MORGAN, GEORGE,
 MCHARG, WILLIAM C.,
 MORSE, REV. J. B.,
 MIX, JAMES,
 McMICKEN, DAVID,
 MORTON, J. M.,
 McKOWN, J. V. H.,
 MESICK, JOHN W.,
 MINK, DANIEL, JR.,
 MILLER, WILLIAM C.,
 MINK, DAVID,
 McELROY, WILLIAM,
 McELROY, JOHN E.,
 McKENZIE, JOHN,
 McCracken, WILLIAM,

McCOLLUM, DANIEL,
 MARCH, HENRY,
 McCLURE, ARCHIBALD, JR.,
 MERRIAM, LEVI P.,
 MURPHY, THOMAS S.,
 NICHOLS, CHARLES B.,
 NEWCOMB, WILLIAM W.,
 NEWCOMB, EDWARD,
 NETHAWAY, JOHN J.,
 NEWMAN, JAMES,
 OLCOTT, THOMAS,
 OLMSTEAD, HIRAM,
 OSTRANDER, JAMES,
 PEASE, ERASTUS H.,
 POHLMAN, WILLIAM H.,
 PAGE, JOHN E.,
 PUTNAM, PETER, JR.,
 PATTEN, SAMUEL,
 PEASE, CHARLES L.,
 PRUYN, CHARLES E.,
 PALMER, B. R.,
 PATTON, JOHN R.,
 PALMER, CHARLES R.,
 PHILIPS, JOHN P.,
 PACKARD, S. S.,
 PORTER, CHARLES H.,
 PRATT, L. M.,
 PEMBERTON, E.,
 PAYN, BENJAMIN,
 PHELPS, WILLIAM L. M.,
 QUACKENBOSS, EUGENE W.,
 RATHBONE, JOHN F.,
 RIDER, WILLIAM W.,
 RICHARDSON, MO.,
 ROBINSON, EDWARD,
 RODGERS, JAMES,
 RUSSELL, HENRY,
 RICHARDSON, J. W.,
 RIDER, S. J.,
 RANKIN, A. A.,
 REDFIELD, CHAS. B.,
 ROBINSON, ALBERT D.,
 RICHARDSON, WILLIAM,
 RATHBONE, CHARLES D.

RICHARDSON, MATTHEW,
 RICE, JOSEPH T.,
 REED, JOEL R.,
 ROBERTS, REV. MALCOM,
 RUSS, A. B.,
 RUSSELL, A. W.,
 ROBERTSON, MATTHEW HENRY,
 STRONG, WILLIAM N.,
 STEPHENS, A. P.,
 SPRAGUE, JOHN A. J.,
 STEARNS, J. W.,
 STEELE, GEORGE B.,
 SPELMAN, RALPH L.,
 SHELTON, AUGUSTUS,
 SHELTON, J. D. W.,
 STALEY, D. J.,
 SHERLEY, EDWARD S.,
 SCOVIL, OLIVER,
 SWAN, RICHARD W.,
 SANDERS, JAMES B.,
 SUMNER, WILLIAM R.,
 SIMONS, NATHANIEL E.,
 SACKETT, WILLIAM H.,
 SACKETT, WILLIAM T.,
 SNELL, WILLIAM,
 STURTEVANT, J. B.,
 SMITH, WILLIAM C.,
 STANNARD, GEORGE A.,
 STRONG, RICHARD M.,
 SLINGERLAND, JOHN B.,
 SHIFFER, HEMAN,
 SHEAR, C. H.,
 SAFFORD, JOSEPH,
 SEAVER, BENJAMIN W.,
 STEVENSON, T. RT.,
 SEELEY, D. T.,
 STEDMAN, GEORGE L.,
 SPELMAN, B. R.,
 SPENCER, DANIEL,
 STRATHDEE, ROBERT,
 TREADWELL, JOHN G.,
 TROTTER, JOHN H.,
 TEMPLETON, JOHN,
 TILLINGHAST, WILLIAM,

TREADWELL, GEORGE C.,	WELLS, ROBERT N.,
TAYLOR, JUSTUS F.,	WELLS, THOMAS D.,
TUCKER, WILLIAM S.,	WINNE, JOHN,
THOMAS, JAMES H.,	WELLS, AUSTIN H.,
TEBBUT, MARSHALL,	WICKES, HENRY N.,
THOMPSON, WILLIAM H.,	WRIGHT, JAMES,
TEMPLETON, SAMUEL,	WHITNEY, JAMES A.,
THOMPSON, LEMON,	WAIT, GEORGE,
TEN EYCK, ———	WILLIAMS, ABM. E.,
TOWNSEND, THEODORE,	WHITE, THADDEUS R.,
VAN RENSSELAER, RICHARD,	WILES, ROBERT P.,
VAN VLIET, ISAAC N.,	WILES, T. S.,
VAN GASBECK, JOHN,	WOOLLETT, WILLIAM L., JR.,
VAN GASBECK, A. B.,	WARREN, CLEMENT,
VAN VLIET, G. DUDLEY,	WARD, THOMAS R.,
VAN ALLEN, ADAM,	WEAVER, JOHN E.,
VAN ALLEN, GARRET A.,	WILSON, JOHN Q.,
VOSE, RODNEY,	WARD, JOHN,
VAN ANTWERP, WILLIAM M.,	WALLER, C. C.,
VAN DYCK, HENRY H.,	WRIGHT, JOSEPH W.,
VIELE, RUFUS K.,	WOOLEY, JESSE B.,
VIELE, MAURICE E.,	WHITE, JESSE M.,
VAN RENSSELAER, WALTER A.,	WHITE, F. C.,
VAN ZANDT, CHARLES,	WICKES, CHANCY B.,
VAN ANTWERP, JOHN H.,	WELLER, FRANKLIN R.,
VAN ALLEN, WILLIAM A.,	WILEY, JAMES,
VAN ALSTYNE, THOMAS J.,	WEMPLE, P. H.,
VEEDER, B. H.,	WHITE, J. W.,
VANE, JAMES,	WELLS, GEORGE A.,
VOSBURGH, JOHN,	WINNE, EDWIN,
VAN BENTHUYSEN, CHARLES,	WILSON, JOHN,
VANDERPOEL, JESSE O.,	WILLETT, E. S.,
VANDERPOEL, S. OAKLEY,	WILLIAMS, THADDEUS,
VAN ZANDT, GILBERT,	WENDELL, CHARLES,
WARREN, GEORGE WM.,	WICKES, ELIPHALET,
WELLS, HENRY J.	WRIGHT, NATHANIEL,
WHITNEY, STEPHEN W.,	WING, ALBERT,
WILLIAMS, C. P.,	WOOLVERTON, GEORGE A.,
WILLARD, SYLVESTER D.,	YOUNG, S. V. R.
WINNE, ABM. L.,	



Deacidified using the Bookkeeper process
Neutralizing agent: Magnesium Oxide
Treatment Date: Sept. 2005

Preservation Technologies
A WORLD LEADER IN PAPER PRESERVATION

111 Thomson Park Drive
Cranberry Township, PA 16066
(724) 779-2111

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS



0 014 665 967 6